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FOIA Case: 108446
21 November 2019

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Dear David Riordan:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 14 November 2019, which was received by the office on 15 November 2019, for "an electronic copy of the logo for the Special Source Operations division in SVG or EPS file format." Your letter has been assigned Case Number 108446. Please refer to this case number when contacting us about your request. For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. There are no assessable fees for this request. Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA.

Your request seeks records about alleged NSA intelligence activities and/or programs. However, your request appears to be premised on media reports that purport to describe documents originating from the NSA or that discuss alleged NSA intelligence activities and programs. We cannot acknowledge the existence or non-existence of specific documents purported to be originated by NSA, nor can we acknowledge the accuracy or inaccuracy of media reports about alleged NSA activities, to include any media publication of documents purported to be originated by NSA.

We have determined that the fact of the existence or non-existence of the materials you request is a currently and properly classified matter in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4. Thus, your request is denied pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA which provides that the FOIA does not apply to matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign relations and are, in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. The third exemption of the FOIA

provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. Thus, your request is also denied because the fact of the existence or non-existence of the information is exempted from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(i); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving any appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

The facsimile number is 443-479-3612.
The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is
FOIARSC@nsa.gov.

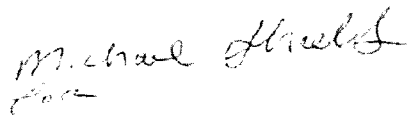
- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Rd- OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
ogis@nara.gov
877-684-6448
(Fax) 202-741-5769

Finally, in order to correct the misinformation flowing from certain unauthorized disclosures of classified national security information, and to reassure the American public as to the numerous safeguards that protect privacy and civil liberties, since June 6, 2013, the Director of National Intelligence has declassified certain information pertaining to surveillance conducted by the NSA pursuant to law. I generally refer you to <http://icontherecord.tumblr.com/tagged/declassified> for information about declassified NSA activities and programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Huelsh" with a small mark below it.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority